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SUBJECT: CAMBODIAN REFUGEES

REF A) STATE 104895 B) BOGOTA 3614 C) BOGOTA 3510

1. CAMBODIAN EMBASSY PERSONNEL AND THEIR DEPENDENTS HAVE, THROUGH CAMBODIAN AMBASSADOR VUTTHI, CONTACTED AND REGISTERED WITH BOGOTA OFFICE OF ICEM AND UNHCR ON MAY 2. BOTH OFFICES HAVE GIVEN CAMBODIANS LITTLE OR NO HOPE OF BEING ABLE TO ARRANGE FOR THEIR RESETTLEMENT LOCALLY. UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE CONFIRMED TO THE EMBASSY THAT HE TOLD VUTTHI BEST HOPE FOR RESETTLEMENT IS TO TRAVEL TO THE U.S.", "WHERE ALL THE INTERNATIONAL AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES HAVE THEIR HEADQUARTERS". HE POINTS OUT THAT UNHCR HAS STILL NOT BEEN ABLE TO RESETTLE 400 CHILEAN REFUGEES PRESENT IN COLOMBIA, WHO WOULD BE MUCH EASIER TO PLACE THAN THE CAMBODIANS. HE TOLD VUTTHI THAT THE SOONER THE CAMBODIANS CAN GO THE U.S. THE BETTER "BEFORE THE VIETNAMESE TAKE UP THE AVAILABLE JOBS". IN THE U.S. AND ELSEWHERE. ICEM RESPONSE TO VUTTHI WAS ALSO NOT HELPFUL. THEIR ROLE HERE APPEARS TO BE LIMITED TO HELPING WITH TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS AND RELATED DETAILS.
2.CAMBODIANS HERE HAVE THUS EXHAUSTED LOCAL PRSSI-
BILITIES FOR RESETTLEMENT. ICEM AND UNHCR BELIEVE THAT WHILE THEY CONTINUE IN BOGOTA THEY ARE OUT OF
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THE MAINSTREAM WITH REGARD TO RESETTLEMENT OPPORTUNITIES.

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THE EMBASSY CONCURS IN THIS JUDGMENT AND RECOMMENDS
THAT THE NECESSARY PROCEDURES BE IMPLEMENTED FOR THEM
TO TRAVEL TO THE U.S. IN PAROLE OR ASYLEE STATUS. DUE
TO A BENIGN INTERPRETATION BY THE GOC OF LOCAL LAW THEY
WILL PROBABLY BE ABLE TO SELL MOST OR ALL OF THEIR AUTO-
MOBILES AND WOULD HAVE SUFFICIENT RESOURCES UPON ARRIVAL
IN THE U.S. TO BE ECONOMICALLY SELF SUFFICIENT FOR SOME
TIME.
3. EMBASSY HAS NOT YET RECEIVED 2 FAM 227 REQUESTED IN
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